

MANY YOUNG MEN REGISTERED ON SATURDAY

NINE FROM BELDING HAVE BECOME OF AGE SINCE LAST REGISTRATION JUNE 5.

The committee appointed by the secretary of the board of commerce to look after the departing soldiers entertained the bunch leaving this week at Wabasis lake last Friday evening. The party headed by Chairman Lloyd Underwood, went out to the lake about 4 o'clock, put in a couple of hours playing indoor baseball and then sat down to a fine chicken dinner prepared by the committee and everyone voted the meal as a huge success. Afterwards the evening was spent in music and singing and some playing cards. Altogether it was a very enjoyable affair and very much appreciated by the boys who are to go to war this week.

The committee that was appointed is a real live one and there is no doubt but our departing soldier boys will have proper attention from now on and we feel that nothing we can do for them will be too much.

Ed. Wilson had the honor of carrying one load of 21-year-olds to Ionia to register on Saturday afternoon. There were five of these young men and there were eight young men from this city.

The complete list of the newly registered young men for Ionia county is as follows:

Abram Tanner, Ionia.
Mack Morrow, Lake Odessa.
Fred Christopher Majinski, Lake Odessa.
Leo Nelson Longwell, Ionia.
Clare C. Gallows, Rt. 2, Ionia.
LeRoy Reed, Lake Odessa.
Sam Norris Bartram, Ionia.
Forrest Sterling Kirby, Muir.
Walter Irving VanDyke, Clarksville.
Fred Augustus Lester, Belding.
Hazen Figg, Rt. 2, Lake Odessa.
Harold Smith Anslow, Rt. 7, Ionia.
Archie Scheiter, Lake Odessa.
Emmett Eugene Shellington, Rt. 4, Portland.
Wesley Ellis Sprague, Ionia.
Edward Elton Bennett, Lyons.
Fred Lowe, Rt. 1, Muir.
Raymond Frederick Coon, Rt. 3, Ionia.
Elmer Larson, Rt. 3, Ionia.
Wm. Edward Thompson, Lowell.
Hubert Coleman, Rittenburg, Portland.
Ben Thomas Hall, Shiloh.
Julius O. Smith, Portland.
Grandia F. Greenhoe, Ionia.
Gaylord Elsworth Lapham, Lake Odessa.
Clarence Earl Heaven, Belding.
Arthur Burkhard Simon, Portland.
Herbert Alden Brown, Portland.
James Erwin Sherman, Grand Ledge.
Guy Irwin Fisher, Rt. 2, Lyons.
Kenneth Roe Sayers, Portland.
Robert Morse, Rt. 2, Lyons.
Jos. Trierweiler, Rt. 1, Pewamo.
Henry A. Tingley, Orleans.
Bruce Metzger, Rt. 6, Ionia.
Wm. Warren Fricke, Belding.
Frank Hobart Aldrich, Saranac.
Raymond John Blough, Ionia.
Roy Blough, Ionia.
Bruce James Crossken, Belding.
Donald Brown Cook, Belding.
Carroll Wm. Spicer, Belding.
George A. Mowatt, Saranac.
Glenn Lambertson, Belding.
Augrey Taylor Davis, Lake Odessa.
Leo J. Watkins, Ionia.
Theodore Theodore Miller, Ionia.
Bert Tjalma, Rt. 2, Ionia.
Laban A. Smith, Portland.
Winfield Fell, Portland.
Jay Cecil Thompson, Belding.

Bought The Foster Stock.
A man in the employ of Rogers & Neely, of Gladwin, this state, has been in the city this week packing and shipping the stock and fixtures of the Chas. S. Foster furniture store, which concern has been standing idle going through the bankruptcy courts for some time. Arthur Fitzjohn, a local man, has purchased the embalming and undertaking equipment which the stock contained and has opened an undertaking establishment in the Leonard store next to Sandell's bank.

Sugar and Flour.
The following are replies to inquiries sent to the federal food administration:

Can I buy sugar for lemonade for a patriotic picnic?
No. It is not patriotic to use sugar for lemonade. Sugar should be used only for necessary purposes.

How should sugar be served in public eating places?
Sugar should be served only on request of the customer. Many hotels and restaurants serve these individual portions in a small envelope. One teaspoonful of granulated or two half lumps.

In exchanging wheat for flour at the mill, how much flour will I be allowed to take at one time?

You are allowed enough to last until October 1, based upon an allowance of 8 pounds per month for each member of your household.

Does the food administration permit the use of rye for hog feeding?
We have just secured authority from Washington to permit farmers who have rye on hand to grind it for hog feeding only up to September 1, and then only upon the official permission of the state food administration.

If I am feeding threshermen, how shall I obtain sugar for them?
State your needs to your local food administrator and you will be authorized to buy sugar at the rate of two pounds for each 90 meals served.

Treasurer's Notice.
Tuesday, September 10 will be the last day for the payment of taxes at the one per cent rate. An additional per centage will be charged after that date.

Wm. E. Fisher, City Treas.

LOCAL ORCHESTRA TO OPEN DANCING SEASON

Hale's Concert and Dance orchestra will give their Fourth annual Labor dancing party and opening of the 1918-19 dance season in Hubbard hall this city on Monday evening, Sept. 2 at 9 o'clock.

The orchestra will be specially enlarged for this big party using the latest and best in music from jazz to grand opera. As in former years a most cordial welcome is extended to all who appreciate the best in music and dancing. Both old and new dances. If they don't play it, ask for it.

Dancing from 9 to 2. Don't forget the date, Monday evening, Sept. 2.

PROGRAM FOR LABOR DAY WILL PROVE INTERESTING

VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, GAMES, VAUDEVILLE ENTER IN THE PROGRAM.

The program for the big Labor day celebration has been finished and as promised by the committees in charge it proves that there will be something doing every minute of the day and that every minute of the program will be conducive of spreading joy and a good time to the big crowd which will surely be gathered goes without saying as the features on the program are selected from among the very best and have only been placed on the program after a careful review by the various committees in charge of the celebration, to determine their real worth and fitness to have a place on the program for the day.

The day starts officially at 9:30 o'clock and the following is the program as it has been given us by the committee. It also shows the prizes which will be given to the winners of the various contests, etc.

While we have been bound and solemnly sworn in to secrecy about what the "something extra" is going to be, we will break our advisor's confidence enough to say that it really will be something extra and that you will all want to wait and see this part of the program.

Be sure and meet your friends and their uncles and aunts at the celebration in Belding on Labor day, next Monday, September 2.

9:30—Parade. Best decorated autos \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2, \$1; best float, \$5, \$3, \$2; best clowns, etc., \$5, \$3, \$1; largest load \$5; oldest horse in parade, \$2.
10:45—Bicycle race on Main street, 1st prize, \$3; second, \$2, third \$1.
11:00—Half mile on Main street.
First prize, \$3; second \$2, third \$1.
11:15—Wheelbarrow race on Main street. First prize \$4, second \$2.
11:30—Shoe race on Main street. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
12:00—Picnic dinner at City park.
Canoe race, singles, at park. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
Canoe race, doubles, at park. First \$4, second \$2.
Tilting contest at park. First prize \$4, second \$2.
1:00—Sack race on Main street. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
1:15—Potato race on Main street. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
1:30—Man, Monkey and Frog game on Main street. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
1:45—Obstacle race. First prize \$4, second \$2, third \$1.
2:00—Girls' 50-yard dash. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
2:15—Pie eating contest. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
2:30—Speakers, Band stand.
3:00—Vodeville at Band stand.
At Leonard Park:
3:30—Tug-of-war; box of cigars.
3:45—Pie eating contest. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
4:00—Doughnut contest. First prize \$3, second \$2, third \$1.
4:15—Baseball; Moseley vs. Belding.

EVENING.
7:00—Vodeville.
7:30—Band concert.
8:00—Movies of Silk industry and free dance on pavement.
9:00—Singing extra.
Notice—Oddfellows' dinner in their new hall on Bridge street at noon.

"Corner Chums" Entertained.
Mrs. W. E. Post and Miss Dorothy Miller pleasantly entertained the "Corner Chums" and a few friends of the Green's Sunday school Monday evening at the former's home in Orleans in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hoyt, who were recently married. The miscellaneous show afforded much merriment. Light refreshments were served in cafeteria style and the jolly crowd left for their several homes at a late hour after wishing the bride and groom a most happy wedded life.

What It Requires.
It takes to feed a soldier of the United States for one year: Beef 475 lbs. or bacon 275 lbs.; wheat flour 415 pounds; potatoes 453 pounds; beans 55 pounds; prunes, 27 lbs.; coffee, 26 lbs.; sugar, 73 pounds; syrup, 7 lbs.; condensed milk, 11 1-2 lbs.; butter, 11 1-2 lbs.; lard, 11 1-2 lbs.; vinegar, 3 1-2 lbs.; salt, 13 1-2 lbs.

Labor Day at the Empress.
The Empress theater will have for the entertainment of the public on Labor day, Monday, Sept. 2, one of Goldwyn's best releases, entitled "All Woman," featuring wonderful Mae Marsh, one of the stars of "The Birth of a Nation."

This is an extraordinary offering and one that you will enjoy to the utmost. While away an hour or so and while resting enjoy this photoplay.

An Important Message To Our Subscribers

For many years back the newspapers of this country have indulged in some wasteful and pauperizing habits in making themselves solid with certain classes of people and in competing with one another in the way of complimentary copies to ministers and other people credited with influence, exchanging papers with other publishers whose offices were so far distant that the value of the paper as an exchange was absolutely worthless and last, but not least, the greatest sin of all, sending the paper to delinquent subscribers more than one year in arrears.

The publisher of the Banner-News pleads guilty to the above crimes, if such they are, along with the rest of the craft. We cannot justify or excuse ourselves for the sending of complimentary copies on any other grounds than that the recipients of these copies were frequent contributors to our columns, or that they showed an extraordinary interest in "putting us next" to news and other items of interest around the community and for this, they one day found themselves on our very limited and so-called "free" list.

We justify ourselves in the matter of our delinquent subscribers through the fact that many a time when in the act of cutting off from the list, some person's name who was behind several years in their account, we thought of the children in that particular household to whom the weekly home newspaper was as great an educational force as is their school. We thought of how the over-worked mother in the household, after her daily cares were over, picked up the welcome weekly visitor—the home newspaper—and got a certain amount of rest and recreation by reading the events of this community as we had chronicled them. There she found out what was going on about her and the light of these events was as refreshing to her as a draught of cold water to a thirsty person. For that reason we have kept the paper going to them, purely out of charity and a bigness of heart, a spirit which, God grant, we will always have with us. If some of these few, refuse now to pay up their arrearage in subscription, we feel that we have not been treated fairly, but will rest secure in the knowledge that had our fellow man been as square with us as we were with him, all back subscriptions would have been paid.

Now for the real story: The government has come at the newspapers of the nation with a hammer-and-tongs demand that each and every one of them make every possible saving in the newsprint paper which they use. Coupled with this was a demand that every person getting a complimentary copy be cut off at once and be put on a paying basis. Also that all persons who are behind on their subscriptions must either pay up or be dropped from the list. In fact, the ruling of the government is that every newspaper will have to show a business with a clean, practically paid-in-advance subscription list or lose his mailing privileges.

The questions which the government will send out must be answered and there is but one way in which we can answer, truthfully and clearly, that we have complied with the demands of the government.

Therefore, all our subscribers will soon receive a statement showing the amount owing by them for subscription and we want this clearly understood that all those who neglect to either pay up or come and make arrangements for a continuance of the subscription will be dropped from the list.

This is not our action but is compulsory upon us and we must comply. We ask you, friends, to take care of this matter at once when you receive your notice, and thereby help us to comply with the government's request and assure a continuance of the paper.

Should we make any mistake in any of the statements, we will be only too glad to rectify them if you will call our attention to them.

All those who fail to pay up or see us by Monday, September 30, will, in accordance with the government ruling, be dropped from the list of subscribers.

LOCAL CANNING CLUB GIRLS TO COMPETE AT FAIR

WILL TRY AND DEFEAT OTHER CANNING TEAMS IN FILLING QUOTAS OF CANNED GOODS.

The Belding Girls' Canning club which is affiliated with the Junior Extension department of the Michigan Agricultural college, has been busy trying to fill their quota for the season, 400 jars of fruits and vegetables.

In addition to these "win the war" efforts they have found time to organize a canning team which is capable of demonstrating the one period cold pack method of canning as well as any professional demonstrator.

This team, composed of the Misses Olive Glass, Mary Bignell and Margaret Cusser, are contemplating a trip to the Greenville fair to enter a contest against the Montcalm county girls. Although their opponents are more experienced and have a year's start our Belding girls are ready for them and we know that they are going to make those Montcalm county girls work to keep them from carrying off the honors.

The local club has been greatly assisted and advised by Miss Eva DuThie of the Junior Extension department of the M. A. C.

Tender Left The Track.
Passengers on the Pere Marquette Grand Rapids train last Saturday morning were thrown into a state of nervous excitement when the train stopped just this side of Smyrna, after leaving here and it became known that the tender had been off the track for about 1,000 feet and that it had ripped up the track for that distance and when the tender stopped it was setting right across the track. No one was injured outside of the damage to the track and delaying traffic for the greater part of the day.

Jolly Good Time Sunday.
It had been talked that a reunion of the pupils who attended the Seelye school back in 1876-78 would be held some time during the summer, so Saturday was Mrs. Eli Witt's and Mrs. C. B. Johnston's birthday. Sunday was Mrs. Bert Rowley's, so to make the three ladies happy the occasion was planned to be Sunday at the home of Charlie Crozier who attended school back in 1876-78. 52 being present. After the picnic dinner the young people played games and some of the old married women were seen to be playing hide and seek and where do you suppose they hid? In the bottom of Elmer Wise's auto and one old man past 75 years, his name was heard called in the games, we don't know where he hid. Well, all in all they had a good time. It is hoped we can get more out next year. Some were present from Ionia, Belding, and Otis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winkler have a position at Traverse City.

REHEARSE DAILY FOR HOSPITAL BENEFIT SHOW

TALENTED LOCAL PEOPLE ARE TAKING PART IN BIG CHARITABLE PRODUCTION.

The ticket sale for the benefit entertainment of the City hospital to be given in the opera house Thursday and Friday nights is reported large by the committee having the sale in charge and the rehearsals under the direction of Abigail J. Williams of Madison, N. J., give promise that the entertainment will be one of the finest ever produced in the city by local talent.

The attraction "The Days of '61 and '62" is one of the latest creations sandwiched with live and catchy music and songs and will not fail of pleasing the audience.

The following excellent cast of characters will appear in the play:

I.—Days of '61:
General—Wallie Hein.
Captain—J. M. Langston.
Scout—Robert Armstrong.
Nurse—Miss Myrtle Treat.
Old Black Joe and family—Roy Brown, Phillip Brown, Dorothy Brown, Marion Cusser, William Lowrey.

II.—Dancing, Velma and Selma Little.
Solo, selected—Abigail Jane Williams.

III.—"The Slacker."
Grant Moore—Duncan Kerr.
Mrs. Moore—Mrs. Grace Strunk.
Miss Betty—Miss Ola Little.
Miss Ella—Miss Mary Salzman.
Mrs. Smith—Mrs. Steele.
Lieut. Jack Smith—E. W. Dunham.
Mrs. Ralph—Mrs. Merle Rummel.
Ladies of the Red Cross.
IV.—Chorus singing, entire cast.

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic County Convention for election of delegates for the State Convention, to be held September 25, at the City of Detroit, will be held at the city hall, in the city of Ionia, Monday, September 9, 1918, at 1:30 o'clock, p. m. This convention will elect nineteen (19) delegates to attend the Democratic State convention at Detroit, and also a county committee. Each township in the county of Ionia is entitled to twelve (12) delegates and each ward in the city of Belding and Ionia to six (6) delegates. These delegates shall be elected by ballot at the primary election held August 27th, 1918.

Dated, Ionia, Mich., August 20, 1918
Wm. H. Barrett, Chairman Ionia County Democratic committee.
Glenn D. Mathews, Secretary.

ELECTION WAS A RATHER QUIET AND TAME AFFAIR

ONLY CONTESTS WERE ON REPUBLICAN TICKET—NEWBERRY WINS SENATORIAL RACE.

Yesterday's election proved a rather tame affair, as had been predicted by people who had taken interest enough in it to pay any attention to how matters stood in this line and only about 40 per cent of the qualified electors of this city took advantage of their right to go to the polls and cast a ballot in favor of the man who they wanted to see win out.

In the state Commander Truman H. Newberry won out over Chase S. Osborn and Henry Ford for the senatorial nomination although Mr. Ford may yet be the candidate on the democratic ticket. Mr. Newberry carried this county as did also Joseph W. Fordney who was opposed by Emery Townsend. Mr. Fordney also won out in the district for the representative position.

Mark Hoppough won out over Lloyd Burger and Elbridge E. Syle for the nomination for sheriff and Dan Lind, of Clarksville won out over Jason E. Peacock, his opponent. George W. Moulton won out for the nomination over Leon D. McVeigh in the race for county clerk.

Other contests in the county offices were for coroner and this matter is as yet unsettled.

The democratic nominees went on the ballot through the fact that there were no contests and of course each man, after receiving one vote, was entitled to make the race for the office to which he aspired.

In the light of the outcome of yesterday's primary, it would seem as if this state and county were due for a rather stiff pre-election fight this fall, even though the president has said that politics should be adjourned.

Notice

The Bridge street cider mill will start for the season's work on Saturday, September 7. I also want to buy your cider apples.

14-11 H. L. Currie.

Mrs. John Whitcomb went to Ionia today to visit a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Willard Phillips.

MORE MEN LEFT FOR CAMP CUSTER

The following men from this city and vicinity left this city Tuesday for Ionia and left Ionia this morning for Camp Custer, Battle Creek. Dey W. Richmond, of Smyrna, was placed in charge of the bunch and remains in charge until he delivers the men to the army officials at Camp Custer, and Ernest H. Eggleston and Fred G. Reimer were two of the squad leaders.

Marcel Miche, Smyrna
Rudolph Laux, Smyrna
Dey W. Richmond, Smyrna
Arthur William Hall, Belding
Charles Thomas Fisher, Belding
Clyde R. Johns, Belding
Ely E. Guy, Belding
Jerry Yost, Belding
Floyd F. Clark, Belding
Henry William Heppie, Orleans
Fred G. Reimer, Palo
Edward Anthony Shindorf, Belding
Earnest Leo Hansen, Belding
Fred Sanders, Belding

LOCAL SCHOOLS TO RE-OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 3

SUPERINTENDENT S. J. SKINNER AND CORPS OF TEACHERS ARE IN CITY AND READY.

Hurry, Mother, only three days more to get those new school dresses and other paraphernalia ready for the youngsters' school year, for the school bells of this city are going to be rung again for the opening of the first semester of the 1918-19 term of school on next Tuesday morning and of course every young hopeful will want to look and be at his best to re-enter the local institutions of learning.

Superintendent S. J. Skinner has arrived in the city, together with his wife and daughter and have taken up their residence in the Mrs. W. A. Wilder house at 404 East Ann street and they are fast making new friends and getting acquainted with the city.



S. J. SKINNER

Superintendent Skinner will be in his office at the Central High school building next Saturday for consultation and anyone who has any business to transact should see the professor at that time.

The staff of teachers for the coming year of school is as follows:

High school: L. Hockstad, principal; Ruth Bleckin, history and English; Wilbur H. Beery, commercial; Walter Deming, science; Ola Fern Little, history and English; Naomi Gooding, Manual Training; Muriel Fortuine, Latin and French; Mary Underwood, mathematics and English; Z. W. Storrs, agriculture; Elizabeth Raynor, music and drawing; Sara E. Giddings, domestic art.

Departmental school: Edna Biss, principal, eighth grade; Eula Grace, seventh grade; Bertha Robinson, seventh and eighth grade assistant; E. Mary Peterson, sixth grade; Elizabeth H. Sonntag, fifth grade assistant.

Third ward school: Sarah Helmick, principal, fifth grade; Kitty M. Engle (Mrs.), sixth grade; Magdalen DePore, fourth grade; Winifred Wilson, third and fourth grades; Grace E. Morrison, third grade.

Ellis school: Fairy Mount, principal third and fourth grades; Sara Maxwell, second grade; Lillian Davidson, first grade; Georgia Ellery (Mrs.), kindergarten.

Second ward school: Sarah L. Hopwood (Mrs.), principal, second grade; Mary L. Briggs, first grade; Hazel M. Fortuine, kindergarten.

Janitors: Wm. Wiersma, Central building; Z. W. Gooding, Second ward school; Fred Clancy, Ellis school.

The school calendar for the coming year is made up as follows:

Consultation for admission of pupils, Aug. 31; first semester opens, Sept. 3; Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 28-29; school closes for Christmas holiday, Dec. 20; school reopens, Jan. 6; first semester closes, Jan. 24; second semester opens, Jan. 27; spring vacation, March; commencement week, June 16-20.

Contrary to custom and tradition, the small boy, instead of dreading to hear the school bell ring again for the opening of school, is said to be actually longing to get back into the harness again and acquire an education in some of the finest and best educational institutions in the state—the schools of Belding.

Charles Krupp In Hospital.
Charles Krupp was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, Sunday to undergo an operation on his neck which has as its object the removal of some strange growth which started in on his neck about a month ago. Mr. Krupp and his family thought that it was merely a case of sore throat or some like affliction for a time, but the affection became worse and finally it was decided that the only way to treat it was to have an operation.

There will be a harvest dance and pedro party given under the auspices of the Greenville L. O. T. M., Friday evening, Aug. 30, in the Macabee hall at Greenville. Bill 50 cents.

Notice.

Little Roy Anderson is on the sick list.

SOLDIERS WRITE MANY LETTERS OF WAR TIME LIFE

MORE INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOCAL BOYS IN THE SERVICE OF U. S.

The boys at the front are always writing letters about the life that they are living and this week we are privileged to publish another batch of these good, short stories of war, in the light that a number of young men from this city and vicinity see it.

The first letter is from John L. Driscoll of Parnell, written to his father, Timothy Driscoll. In addition to the following letter, Mr. Driscoll is also in receipt of a card stating that another son, Eugene, had arrived safely overseas. The letter is as follows:

Co. K., 126th Inf., Somewhere in France, July 11, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I am well and in good spirits and hope this finds you the same.

I know it is hard for you after Gene being called to the colors but cheer up the war can't last long at the most. Maybe he will never have to go over. Let's hope so anyway. Then it isn't so bad over here as it might be. We have been having pretty fair weather here lately. Not very much rain. It was raining when we first got up to the trenches this time but it cleared up after we were up there a few days. It was pretty disagreeable for a few days. But then we made the best of it and got along fine. We finished up our hitch in the trenches with fine sunny weather. We had a lot of fun up there. In fact after you get rested up a couple of days you want to go right back and get another crack at the boches again. We had plenty of excitement up there. We saw a German patrol out by our barbed wire and we started to heave a hand grenade at them and believe me you ought to see them Germans beat it while going was good. We had that much satisfaction anyway.

The weather is not as changeable here as it is back in Michigan. We have had more sunshine here since we have been in France than we would have in a year at home.

I suppose you got my last letter telling you that I pulled out o. k. before this. The first time we were in the trenches we were under heavy shell fire. It sure was some experience. The French soldiers claim that we carry horse shoes in our pockets, we are so lucky. Here's hoping luck stays with us. Believe me, we sure get along fine with the French soldiers. We absorb all the information they give us about different things that will be of help to us when we are up against the boche. Well, why shouldn't they? They have been in the war four years and they sure know what they are talking about so we get along fine with them. I don't take to the French language very fast, but when I want anything to eat I always manage to get it.

The other day I saw a very interesting air battle. We were just eating supper and all of a sudden we heard some anti-aircraft gun blazing away. We started watching the battle. There was a French observation balloon up and there were three French airplanes sailing around and all of a sudden we saw a German plane away up over the observation balloon. The German plane started bombing the balloon and all of a sudden a beautiful drop with the parachute, with shrapnel dropping all around him. Then the German plane got away from the three French planes and beat it. Believe me it was some sight. We see an air battle real often. You just ought to see one.

How are the neighbors? How is Dennis? I hope he has good luck with his crops.

Tell my old friends I miss the card games at Tony's.

I must close now. With love from your son,

Pvt. John L. Driscoll.

The second letter is from Claude Broadhead to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Broadhead of Alderman street, this city and is as follows:

Camp Mills, Long Island, July 9, 1918.

Dear Mother and All:

I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am in the finest of health and hope you are all the same. Well I am in camp for about 6 or 6 days before we go over sea for service there.

We left Ft. Stevens June 31 and arrived here on Monday, just one week on the road and it was some trip; there were four train loads, 17 cars (Continued on Page Three.)

MARY PICKFORD AT EMPRESS
On Thursday and Friday, Sept. 5 and 6 in "Stella Maria."

Mary Pickford may be seen at the Empress theater Thursday and Friday, Sept. 5 and 6 in one of her best productions, "Stella Maria." She is said to put into the play the best work she has ever done.

The story is an old one, that of a girl kept pure and good in a life so sheltered that she is unaware of the world and its hard struggle, then the bitter disillusion. Such is the theme and the plot so far as the main issue is concerned, with a side one, the contrast of another, similar girl's life of hardship. The idea is vital in so far as it is humanitarian, but the screen version rises far above the novel through pure artistry of development and most of all through a contrast little short of marvelous made by Mary in her dual roles.

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